



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**      **Hugh H. TROUT, et al.**      **Art Unit: 3731**  
**Application Serial No.:**    **10/614,782**      **Examiner: TBA**  
**Filed:**      **July 9, 2003**  
**For:**      **DELIVERY APPARATUS FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL  
PROCEDURE AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME**  
**Attorney Docket #:**      **23660-00654**

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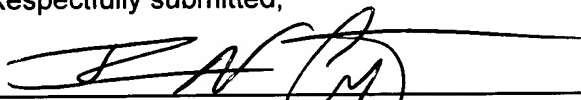
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 8, 2003, Applicants' attorney submits the following documents in order to complete the formal requirements for the above-referenced nonprovisional application.

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- (3) Executed Assignment with PTO-1595; and
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 29, 2003

  
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**AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME**  
**Our Reference No: 23660-00654**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application are the following documents:

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- (2) Fee Transmittal (1 page);
- (3) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page);
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Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter, acknowledging receipt of the above-identified document, and return it to us.

Sincerely yours,

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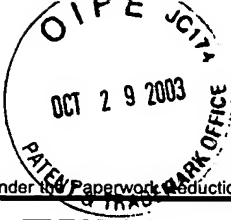
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims		-20** =		X		=	
Multiple Dependent Claims		-3** =		X		=	

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
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